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DOI AM OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES MEMORANDUM (OPM) NO. 06- 28

Subject: Operations in Restricted Category and Uncertificated Aircraft

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Supersedes: OPM 05-28 dated January 1, 2005

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.1 Purpose. This OPM establishes policy for operations in restricted category or uncertificated aircraft. Public Law 103-411 mandates this change.

.2 Authority. This policy is established by the Associate Director, Department of the Interior, Aviation Management (DOI AM), in accordance with the provisions of Departmental Manual 350 DM 1, Public Law 103-411, and Secretarial Order 3250 dated September 30, 2003.

.3 Policy.

A. Delete 351 DM 1.1I and replace with the following:

I. Operations in Restricted Category and Uncertificated Aircraft.

(1) Operation of aircraft certificated in the Restricted Category shall be limited to the special purpose operations authorized by that certificate. All operations shall be in accordance with 14 CFR 91.313 and the aircraft operating limitations of the Restricted Certificate. For aircraft with multiple Airworthiness Certificates, the operating rules of the Certificate being used shall apply.

(2) Operations of Uncertificated Aircraft shall be limited to transportation of persons (e.g. fire fighters) and property directly associated with the mission as authorized by Public Law 103-411. However, the aircraft must be maintained in accordance with a maintenance and inspection program accepted by the Associate Director, DOI AM. This authorization does not include transportation of passengers not directly associated with the performance of the mission. Operations involving persons who need to be moved from one location to another require the aircraft to have a Standard Airworthiness Certificate and to be operated and maintained as civil aircraft in accordance with 14 CFR 91.

B. Delete 351 DM 4.1B(3) and replace with the following:

(3) Operations in Restricted Category and Uncertificated Aircraft.

(a) Operation of aircraft certificated in the Restricted Category shall be limited to the special purpose operations authorized by that certificate. All operations shall be in accordance with 14 CFR 91.313 and the aircraft operating limitations of the Restricted Certificate. For aircraft with multiple Airworthiness Certificates, the operating rules of the Certificate being used shall apply.

(b) Operations of Uncertificated Aircraft shall be limited to transportation of persons (e.g. fire fighters) and property directly associated with the mission as authorized by Public Law 103-411. However, the aircraft must be maintained in accordance with a maintenance and inspection program accepted by the Associate Director, DOI AM. This authorization does not include transportation of passengers not directly associated with the performance of the mission. Operations involving persons who need to be moved from one location to another require the aircraft to have a Standard Airworthiness Certificate and to be operated and maintained as civil aircraft in accordance with 14 CFR 91.

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